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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, SU, SA
SUBJECT: F-5 LOA'S

REF: A) STATE 163632; B) STATE 167135

1. THE FMS TRANSACTION INVOLVING THE DELIVERY OF SIX C-130 AIRCRAFT TO THE SUDANGOV HAS GONE AND IS GOING VERY SMOOTHLY. FROM THE VERY OUTSET THERE WAS GOOD STAFF WORK AND EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION AMONG THE SUDANESE MILITARY, U.S. MILITARY, AND THIS EMBASSY. I, THEREFORE, HOPED THAT THE F-5 AND RADAR TRANSACTIONS WOULD GO EQUALLY WELL. I AM AFRAID THIS WAS TOO MUCH TO EXPECT.

2. FRANKLY I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH SLOPPY, SHABBY STAFF WORK ON THE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. WHEN THE PEACE PALM SURVEY TEAM WAS HERE, THE SUDANESE WERE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT A MEMBER OF THE TEAM WOULD PERSONALLY DELIVER ALL-INCLUSIVE LETTERS OF OFFER AND THOROUGHLY EXPLAIN THEM AT THE TIME OF DELIVERY. REF A
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INDICATED THAT FOUR LETTERS OF OFFER WERE ENROUTE TO KHARTOUM. ON JULY 3 WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MAJOR LESTER IN CAIRO ENCLOSING THE LETTER OF OFFER FOR FMS CASE SCA AND EXPLAINING HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO DELIVER IT PERSONALLY. NOTHING WAS SAID ABOUT THE OTHER THREE LETTERS OF OFFER. MOREOVER, THE LETTER OF OFFER SENT BY MAJOR LESTER TOTALS \$3 MILLION DOLLARS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SET FORTH IN REF A.

3. I HAVE ALREADY IN MY TELEGRAM OF JULY 1 (KHARTOUM 2931) POINTED OUT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN TOTALS OF FOUR LETTERS OF OFFER AND AMOUNT WE ARE REQUESTING TO RECOMMEND THAT THE SUDANESE SEEK FROM THE SAUDIS.

4. I CERTAINLY DO NOT INTEND TO DELIVER THIS SINGLE, POSSIBLY ERRONEOUS, LETTER OF OFFER TO THE SUDANESE AUTHORITIES. I WANT DOD TO GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER, COMPLETE PREPARATION OF ALL FOUR LETTERS OF OFFER, RECONCILE THEIR FIGURES, AND SEND A QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE OR REPRESENTATIVES TO KHARTOUM TO MAKE A PROPER PRESENTATION AND EXPLANATION. I REGRET THAT WITH OAU MEETINGS NOW UPON US THAT THIS WILL NOT BE FEASIBLE UNTIL AFTER THE 21ST OF JULY. WHILE THE SUDANESE CONSIDER TIME TO BE VERY MUCH OF THE ESSENCE IN THIS TRANSACTION, I BELIEVE THAT OUR PRESENTING A PROPERLY STAFFED-OUT PROPOSAL IN AN APPROPRIATE AND BUSINESSLIKE MANNER IS EVEN MORE OF THE ESSENCE.

5. I, THEREFORE, URGE THAT DOD BE ASKED TO SCHEDULE A MISSION HERE TO PRESENT THE ENTIRE PACKAGE TO THE SUDANESE MILITARY DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JULY. HOPEFULLY, BY THAT TIME NECESSARY DETERMINATION WILL HAVE BEEN MADE TO SUPPLY SIDEWINDERS TO SUDAN AND THEY WILL BE INCLUDED IN REVISED LETTERS OF OFFER.
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